

REMARKS

The present application includes claims 1-23. Claims 17- 20 were allowed by the Examiner. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 11-14 were objected to by the Examiner. Claims 1, 4, 7-10, 15, 16, and 21-23 were rejected by the Examiner. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 10, and 14 have been amended and claims 5, 13, and 21-23 have been canceled.

The Examiner allowed claims 17-20 and stated that claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 11-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the notice of allowable subject matter.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Obviousness Rejections

Claims 1, 4, 7-10, 15, 16 and 21-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,464,594 to Canna et al. in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,516,264 to Anetrini.

The Examiner stated in the “Allowable Subject Matter” section of the Office Action that claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 11-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Pursuant to these instructions, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of objected to claim 5, and claim 10 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of objected to claim 13. The Applicants respectfully submit that amended claims 1 and 10 are in condition for allowance, and therefore claims 2-4 and 6-9, which depend from

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claim 1, and claims 11, 12, and 14-16, which depend from claim 10, are likewise in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

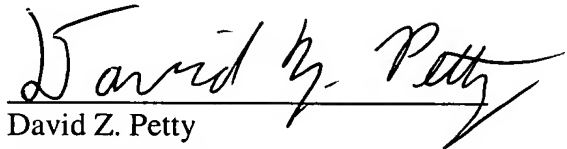
If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicants can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the Applicants at the number below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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